

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1650**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David E. Townsend  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2009, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.